#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_X

Property Name: Basket Switch Survey District	Inventory Number: WO-570
Address: Worcester Highway, Basket Switch Rd. and Bowen Rd.	Historic district: X yes no
City: Newark Vicinity Zip Code: 21841	County: Worcester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Public Landing	
Property Owner: Multiple	Tax Account ID Number: Multiple
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Multiple Tax Map Numb	per: Multiple
Project: Historic Structures Survey along US-113 Agenc	y: Maryland SHA
Agency Prepared By: Hardlines Design Company	
Preparer's Name: Roy Hampton	Date Prepared: 6/26/2007
Documentation is presented in: Compliance Report and Historic Context for Pro- Mile Branch Road to Massey Branch	pposed Highway Improvements-U.S. 113: Five
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended	X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A	B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource	ee to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible: ye	es Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
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Criterion D: There is no evidence that any of the above ground resources at Basket Switch have the potential to reveal any additional significant information about local history or architecture, so the district is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP.

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Name of Property: Basket Switch Survey District

MIHP Number: WO-570

Location: Worcester Highway, Basket Switch Road, and Bowen Road

Town / Vicinity: Newark

Date of Construction: ca. 1883-1955

Access: Public X Private

The Basket Switch Survey District is located southwest of Newark, along US 113. Basket Switch was the site of a nineteenth-century railroad siding, and there was a small cluster of buildings at the site throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The site now includes a few single-family houses, a small 1940s industrial building, a cemetery, one farmstead, and a large amount of empty land. Based on USGS maps and an 1877 atlas, it appears that the settlement never was very extensive.

Due to lack of significance and integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, the district is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP. Under Criterion A, Basket Switch appears to have been a fairly small settlement in Worcester County, and not a particularly important center of industry or residential development in the nineteenth or twentieth centuries. Under Criterion B, the district is not associated with any persons important in history. Under Criterion C, Basket Switch is not architecturally cohesive and the remaining buildings are examples of common Worcester County industrial and residential building types and have poor integrity of design, materials, and feeling. Under Criterion D, there is no evidence that any of the above ground resources at Basket Switch have the potential to reveal any additional significant information about local history or architecture.

The Basket Switch name originated because of the switching mechanism needed for the site's sidetrack, and the presence of a basket factory. In the early 1890s, local farmers and civic leaders encouraged the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad Company to establish a railroad switch at the site. A group of local investors also formed at this time to start a basket factory, taking advantage of the railroad switch for transportation, and aiming to supply peach, tomato and strawberry growers of the area with containers. The basket factory closed after about a decade, and a brick kiln established at the site in the early twentieth century produced poor-quality bricks and was soon closed.

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1. Name of	Property	(indicate preferred na	ame)		
historic					
other	Basket Switch S	urvey District			
2. Location					
street and number	See continuation	on sheet		_	not for publication
city, town	Newark			<u>X</u>	vicinity
county	Worcester				
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing a	addresses of all owners)		
name	Multiple owners	-See continuation sheet			
street and number	×			telephone	
city, town		3	state	zip code	
4. Location	of Legal Do	escription			
courthouse, registr	y of deeds, etc. V	Vorcester County Courthouse	liber	folio	
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6. Classifica	ation				
Category X district building(s) structure site object	OwnershippublicX_privateboth	Current Function  X agriculture commerce/trade defense X domestic education funerary government health care	landscaperecreation/culturereligionsocialX_transportationwork in progressunknownvacant/not in use	Resource Co Contributing  5 1 6	Noncontributing  9 buildings  sites structures objects 9 Total

7. Description		Inventory No. WO-570
Condition		
excellent	deteriorated	
good	ruins	
X fair	altered	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Basket Switch Survey District is located 1.5 miles southwest of Newark, Maryland, near the intersection of Worcester Highway (US 113) and Basket Switch Road. The District is located in a rural setting with flat terrain, private farms and corn and soybean fields. The district contains five single family houses, one industrial building, and one cemetery. The impetus for the development of the small community was the railroad which established a switch at the location in 1872.

Worcester Highway runs in a southwest to northeast direction with the Pennsylvania Central railroad tracks running along the southeast side of the highway. Basket Switch Road intersects Worcester Highway and continues to the southeast with Newark Road intersecting Basket Switch Road and continuing to the northeast. The intersection of these three roads and railroad tracks creates a distinct area set apart from the surrounding area. Most of the buildings were constructed as a result of the railroad, with the railroad being the main focus of Basket Switch.

The overwhelming majority of buildings in the survey district are vernacular. Although they do not display distinct architectural styles, they do display building types. Building types in the district include ranch houses at 6855 and 7801 Basket Switch Road, a gabled-ell at 6847 Basket Switch Road, a Cape Cod cottage at 6702 Worcester Highway, and a warehouse at 6846 Worcester Highway. The following is a discussion of the individual buildings in Basket Switch.

#### 6846 Basket Switch Road, Basket Factory

The name Basket Switch is held to have been applied to this location due to a basket factory at the site, and a railroad siding established for the factory, with the siding necessitating a railroad switch at the site to divert cars onto the sidetrack. The name first appears as Baskettown Switch on the 1877 Lake and Griffing Atlas, and the railroad siding appears on this map as well, indicating that some type of manufacturing or loading of goods was going on at the site at this time or planned for the future. No above-ground remnants of early basket factories appear at the site. Constructed in 1947, the remaining factory building (Photographs 1 and 2) is a rectangular concrete block one-story structure. The building has a gabled roof clad in modern asphalt shingles with the gable ends clad in asbestos shingles. The west wall of the building has been punctured with the addition of two modern, metal overhead doors which may have replaced earlier wood doors. Steel six-light industrial windows are located along the west, north, and east sides of the building. A small shed roof, standing seam metal addition is located at the rear of the building. The building has an enclosed yard with a high chain link fence, and auto wrecks and parts are stored within this fenced area.

The building is associated with the basket industry in the area, but the association was short-lived. The building served as a basket factory at the time of its completion in 1947, but the operation closed down after only a few years because of competition from larger factories in the area. By 1961, a second business had opened at Basket

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Switch. It appears likely that this new factory, a candy mold production facility, was housed in the 1947 basket factory building, since there appear to have been no other factory buildings at Basket Switch.<sup>1</sup>

#### Single Family Houses

Only four houses now exist in Basket Switch. The oldest of the four is 6847 Basket Switch Road (Photograph 3). The house is a wood frame side gabled two-story dwelling with an ell on the rear. The building's foundation is not visible due to the application of vertical metal siding on the foundation. This three bay by two bay house would have originally had horizontal wood siding and trim but this has been covered in modern vinyl siding and trim. The building's original wood double hung windows have been replaced with modern one-over-one vinyl windows, and the building's shed roof front porch appears to be a recent replacement. At the rear of the house is a one-story shed roof enclosed entrance which appears to be an addition. No house appears on this site on the 1877 Lake and Griffing Atlas, and the house does not show up on the 1901 USGS Snow Hill quadrangle map, or a 1935 Maryland Geological Survey map. The house does appear at its current site on a 1950 Maryland Geological Survey map. The Maryland real property database lists the construction date of the house as 1900. From the map data, it appears that the house was moved to the current location between 1935 and 1950.

The house at 6855 Basket Switch Road is a one story ranch house constructed ca. 1950. The house rests on a concrete block foundation and features a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The building features white aluminum siding, four pane aluminum windows, and a small sun porch on the east side with a gable roof and one-over-one aluminum windows. The house is accessed by a concrete landing with a metal railing that leads to a four-light, four-panel front door. The house is a common mid-twentieth century property type.

The house at 7801 Basket Switch Road is a one story ranch house constructed ca. 1955. The house rests on a raised concrete block foundation and features a side gable roof clad in green standing-seam metal. The house is clad with aluminum siding and aluminum frame windows are found through out the house. A prominent concrete block chimney is located on the façade. An enclosed sun porch with a front gable roof was added to the house within the last twenty years. A small wood deck with a wood railing is located on the façade east of the sun porch. The house is a common mid-twentieth century property type.

The house at 6702 Worcester Highway (Photograph 4) is located southwest of the center of Basket Switch. The house dates to ca. 1940 and is a one and a half story Cape Cod cottage with a central chimney. The building rests on a concrete block foundation and has a side gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The building's original wood siding is covered in aluminum siding, but the building has retained its original six-over-six wood windows, although they are covered with metal storm windows. The building has also retained its original six pane three panel wood door. A small, one-story, gabled-roof addition is located on the west side of the house.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reginald Truitt and Millard Les Callette, *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia* (Snow Hill, Maryland: Worcester County Historical Society, 1977).

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#### **Old Trinity Cemetery**

This small burial ground has a rectangular layout with headstones arranged in rows (Photographs 5-7). The cemetery sits on the south side of Bowen Road on the southeast side of the railroad tracks. The cemetery formerly had a large deciduous tree with a Maryland bicentennial tree plaque, but this tree died and only a rotted stump remains. Headstones are mostly plain sandstone and marble tablets with straight and curved tops, and primarily date from 1900-1925. The oldest marked burial observed dated to 1883. The cemetery has a high proportion of small marble stones with initials, a type of grave marker commonly used at graves of infants or young children. Most of the grave markers listed a date of birth as well as a date of death, and many of the individuals buried at the cemetery were under ten years old. Names commonly found in the cemetery were Smack, Holston, Bradford, Jones, Mills, and Parker. The current landscape consists of grass lawn and a dense planting of fairly young pine trees in a rough grid pattern. Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation records did not have a parcel number or deed reference for this tract, and it appears to have fallen through the cracks of the real estate records system. A survey map dating from June 2000 states that the land was "reported to be owned by the trustees of Trinity Methodist Church, deed reference unknown". 2 A small plot of uneven rectangular ground on the cemetery's northeast corner appears to be the original Trinity Methodist Church building site, and corresponds with the location of a Methodist Protestant Church on the 1877 Lake and Griffing Atlas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Frank G. Lynch Jr., Minor Subdivision Lands of Virginia T. Sturgis, (Berlin, Maryland: Frank G. Lynch Jr. & Associates, Inc, 2000)

8. Signific	cance			Inventory No. WO-570
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Specific dates			Architect/Builder	
Construction of	lates			
Evaluation for:				
X	_ National Register	XN	Maryland Register	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

#### Summary

This area was the site of a nineteenth-century railroad siding, and there was a small cluster of buildings at the site throughout the nineteenth century and the early twentieth. The site now includes a few single-family houses, a small 1940s industrial building, a cemetery, one farmstead, and a large amount of empty land. Based on examination of USGS maps and the 1877 Lake and Griffing Atlas, it appears that the settlement never was very extensive.

Basket Switch has a fairly low level of integrity and the remaining buildings are not cohesive in terms of construction date or historic theme. The settlement has no central focal point, only several remaining buildings scattered across the site, and dating to widely differing time periods. A small basket factory building at 6846 Basket Switch Road, represents the post-World War II industrial history of the site, but was in use for only a fairly brief time for this purpose. Houses include only one fairly heavily-altered nineteenth century dwelling, and two small post-1940 single family houses. One house is associated with a fairly modern farmstead that includes the collection of large metal chicken houses typical of operating farms in this area. The former site of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church now contains only a cemetery; there are no above-ground remains of the church.

Under Criterion A, Basket Switch appears to have been a fairly small settlement in Worcester County, and not a particularly important center of industry or residential development in the nineteenth or twentieth centuries. No remnants of pre-World War II industry exist at the site and only a few pre-1940 house remain. The site has a low level of association with major historical trends and has fairly poor integrity for historical themes of religion, residential development, and industry. The Basket Switch survey district is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A. Under Criterion B, the district is not associated with any persons important in history and is recommended as not eligible. Under Criterion C, Basket Switch is not architecturally cohesive and the remaining buildings are examples of common Worcester County industrial and residential building types, and, in many cases, have poor integrity of design, materials, and feeling. Basket Switch is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C. There is no evidence that any of the above

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ground resources at Basket Switch have the potential to reveal any additional significant information about local history or architecture, so the district is also recommended as not eligible under Criterion D.

#### Historic Context

Basket Switch is located along US 113, southwest of Newark. Basket Switch originally was the site of an intersection between Newark Road and a second road that led off to the southeast, toward a small community known as Cedartown. Basket Switch's development is more closely related to a railroad siding that was built at the site. Basket Switch does not appear on antebellum maps of Worcester County that were reviewed for this project. However, the 1866 Martenet Worcester County Map shows a Methodist church at the Basket Switch intersection, corresponding with the location of the Trinity Methodist Church and cemetery that once existed here, before the church relocated to Newark late in the nineteenth century. The Methodist church building at Basket Switch is gone, but the Trinity Methodist Cemetery remains at the site, containing headstones dating from ca. 1883-1925.

The earliest known map that contains the words basket and switch is the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas. This atlas labels the site as Baskettown Switch, and shows a Methodist church, two residences, and a railroad sidetrack. Truitt and Les Callette indicate that the Basket Switch name originated because of the switching mechanism needed for the site's sidetrack, and the presence of a basket factory. While a railroad sidetrack is shown on the 1877 atlas, no basket factory is labeled. A residence to the south of the Methodist Church is labeled on the 1877 atlas as belonging to D.P. Jones, and a second residence is on the west side of the railroad tracks, considerably to the south, and is labeled on the map as belonging to I. Boston.

Truitt and Les Calette claim that the Basket Switch name originated in the early 1890s, when local farmers and civic leader William Purnell, encouraged the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad Company to establish a railroad switch at the site. The switch would allow for timber products like crossties and piling to be loaded directly onto trains, instead of hauling these products to Newark's Queponco Station via oxcart. A group of local investors also formed at this time to start a basket factory, taking advantage of the railroad switch for transportation, and aiming to supply peach, tomato and strawberry growers of the area with containers. The Truitt and Les Callette story is plausible except that the railroad siding and Baskettown Switch name appear on the 1877 Lake Griffing atlas. It appears that the railroad switch request was perhaps made in the early 1870s as the railroad line was being built through the area, rather than in the early 1890s, as Truitt and Les Callette indicate.

Attempts at industrial production at Basket Switch were not very successful. The basket factory established during the late nineteenth century was closed after about a decade, put out of business by competition from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Truitt and Les Callette, Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia, 92.

<sup>4</sup> Ibic

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larger plants. A brick kiln established at the site in the early twentieth century produced poor-quality bricks and was soon closed.<sup>5</sup>

The 1935 Maryland Geological Survey map of Worcester County shows the Old Trinity Methodist Church, the Jones House, and Boston House. In addition, three buildings that are not on the 1877 atlas show up on the west side of Newark Road/US 113. Truitt and Les Callette report that the Basket Switch basket factory was revived in 1947, and the Maryland Department of Taxation and Assessments' real estate record lists 1947 as the construction date of a concrete block industrial building still standing at Basket Switch. However, Truitt and Les Callette report that this basket factory was only operational for a short time after its 1947 re-establishment. A 1950 Worcester County transportation map shows the Old Trinity Church, the Jones and Boston houses, two buildings on the west side of US 113, but not the basket factory. The factory does appear on a 1966 Worcester County map.

In 1961, a new factory was established at Basket Switch, probably in the 1947 basket factory building, to make candy molds. Truitt and Les Callette indicate that this small business thrived for a short time, but was defunct by 1976. Truitt and Les Callette also report that truck transportation led to a decline in rail transportation of wood items, causing the railroad siding at Basket Switch to fall into disuse by 1976. Deed records indicate that the old basket factory building was sold by the Sellers Wood Container Corporation to Lemuel Cropper for \$0.00 in April 1972.

Today, there are few remaining buildings at Basket Switch. The D. P. Jones residence remains, but has been altered with vinyl siding and trim, and additions. The basket factory is in use as an auto parts storage facility. A ranch house dating to ca. 1960 sits north of the basket factory. A large cleared area east of the factory on the opposite side of Bowen Road contains no buildings. The Trinity Methodist Church cemetery remains in good condition, but the church building has been demolished. A farm in the vicinity of the old I. Boston farmstead contains a new house, a trailer, a small 1940s Colonial Revival cottage, and several metal post-1970 factory farming-type chicken houses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid, 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid, 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid, 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Worcester County Courthouse, Deed Book FWH 345, Page 121.

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Lynch, Frank G. Jr. Minor Subdivision Lands of Virginia T. Sturgis. Berlin, Maryland: Frank G. Lynch Jr. & Associates, Inc, 2000.
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Worcester County Courthouse. Deed Book FWH 345, Page 121.

10. Geographical Da	ıta		
Acreage of surveyed property _	49 acres	_	
Acreage of historical setting	N/A	_	
Quadrangle name	Publile Landing	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Basket Switch District is located in Worcester County, Maryland southwest of the town of Newark. The boundary begins at the northwest corner of parcel 41, map 48. The district boundary extends south, southeast and northeast along the edge of parcel 41 until it reaches the western boundary of parcel 47, map 48. The boundary extends south, east and north along the edge of parcel 47 until reaching the southern edge of Basket Switch Road east to the southern edge of Bowen Road until it reaches the cemetery parcel. The boundary then extends southeast, northeast, and northwest along the edge of the cemetery parcel until reaching the northern edge of Bowen Road. The boundary follows the northern edge of Bowen Road northeast to the eastern edge of parcel 5, map 48 where it extens north and southwest along the edge of parcel 5 to the southern edge of Basket Switch Road. The boundary follows the southern edge of Basket Switch Road and Worcester Highway west to the point of beginning.

### 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Columbus	state	ОН		

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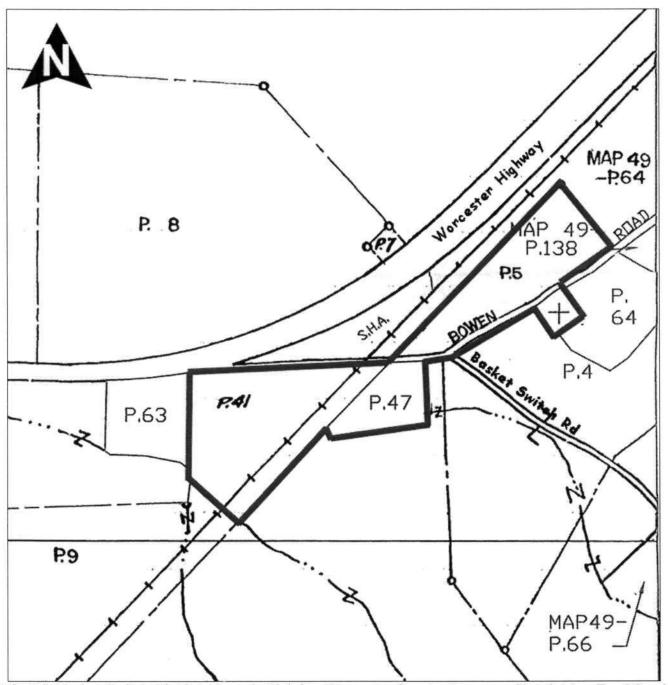
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<b>Contributing Property</b>	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Tax ID Number	Property Owner's Name	Property Owner's Address
6846 Basket Switch Rd.	48	5	003039	Richard & Theresa Jackson	PO Box 27 Newark, MD 21841
6847 Basket Switch Rd.	48	47	003071	Cleo Karen Sundstrom & Dinna Marie Lawrence	6847 Basket Switch Rd. Newark, MD 21841
6855 Basket Switch Rd.	48	41	003098	Dale & Pearl Vaughn	6855 Basket Switch Rd. Newark, MD 21841
7801 Basket Switch Rd.	48	5	003039	Richard & Theresa Jackson	PO Box 27 Newark, MD 21841
Old Trinity Cemetery Bowen Rd.	48	None	Exempt	Trinity United Methodist Church	PO Box 36 Newark, MD 21841
6702 Worcester Highway	48	41	003098	Dale & Pearl Vaughn	6656 Worcester Highway Newark, MD 21841



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Worcester County & Maryland
Heather Menney
May 2912007
MD 5HPO
Southeast corner of building looking northwest.
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Inventory Now WO-570
6846 Basket Switch Rd. Basket Switch Survey District Worcester County, Maryland
Heather Kenney
May 29,2007
MD SHPD
South west Corner of building looking northeast.
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Inventory No. WO-570
6847 Basket Switch Rd.; Basket Switch Survey District
Worcester County, Maryland
Heather Kenney
MD SHPO
North cost corner of building looking southwest.
#3 of 7



Inventory No. WD-570
6702 Worcester Huhway i Basket Switch Survey District Worcester County. Maryland Heather Kenney
May 29, 2007
MD SHPO
Southwest Corner of building looking northeast.
#4 of 7



Inventory No. Wo-570
Old Trinity Cemetery: Basket Switch Survey District
Worcester County: Maryland
Heather Kenney
May 29: 2007
MD SHPO
West side of cemetery looking east.
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Inventory No. WO-570 Old Trinity Cemetery's Bosket Switch Survey District Worcester County, Maryland Heather Kenney May 29, 2007 MO SHPO Northwest corner of cemetery looking southeast. #6 of 7



Inventory No. WO-570
Old Trinity Cometery; Bosket Switch Survey District Worcester County, Maryland Heather Kenney
May 29, 2007
MD SHPO
Southeast corner of Cemetery looking northwest.
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